Merry Christmas

# The Shakerite

Happy New Year

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## 56 Shakerites Tour New York; Enjoy Sights and Night Life

By Ina Horwitz

Fifty-six Shaker Heights High School students will be visiting "the most interesting and exciting city in the United States" this Christmas vacation.

Shaker Heights High School's fourth annual New York trip will get under way Thursday morning, December 26, at 9:00 a. m. At that time the Shaker students will board the *Empire State Express*, all looking forward to four glorious days in the city of New York, which has often been called "the melting pot of the world."

Chaperoning the trip will be Mr. and Mrs. Fred Heinlen and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris.

In New York all students taking the trip will spend four nights at the hotel New Yorker. There will be three to four students sharing a room.

Throughout the trip a definite itinerary will be followed. Chartered buses have been arranged for, which will take the students to the different places of interest in the city.

During their stay the students will tour upper and lower Manhattan. They will have a chance to visit the Empire State Building, the United Nations Building, and the Statue of Liberty, among others.

For theatrical entertainment they will view two Broadway plays, one of which will be the musical comedy hit "L'il Abner." Also included in the program will be a few television shows and the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Show.

While in New York the students will be given some free time to shop and visit relatives.

All good things must come to an end, for on Monday, December 30, the Shakerites will be saying a fond farewell to New York, as they once again board the train. They will arrive in Cleveland on Tuesday, December 31, in time to usher in the New Year.

## Christmas Cotillion Ushers in Holidays

By Susan Bloomenthal

Amid the glitter of sparkling stars and shining tinsel, Shaker's Christmas Cotillion will usher in the gala holiday season tomorrow evening. Returning for the festivities will be many alumni for whom the Cotillion has become an annual tradition.

From 8:30 until midnight there will be dancing to the music of Phil June's orchestra. A program of special entertainment also has been planned, featuring the Chanticleers.

For the past several weeks the Social Council, with the help of Miss Nancy Hollister, has been busy arranging the details. Jim Slavin and Nancy Mitnick, co-chairmen of the dance, have supervised all activities. Working hard to make the dance a success have been the chairmen of the various committees. They include: Dave Nagusky, entertainment; Polly Ham and Betsy Jones, decorations; Ken Suid, refreshments; Mike Stone, publicity; and Jerry Thal, tickets. Every year the Shaker Dads' Club generously contributes $75 toward the expenses of the party.

Sharing in the evening's enjoyment will be the chaperones, both parents and teachers. Mr. and Mrs. Slavin, Dr. and Mrs. Von Baeyer, and Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth are the parents and Miss Burkett, Mr. Goodman, Miss Hollister, Mr. and Mrs. Brammer, Mr. and Mrs. Randall, and Mr. and Mrs. Pickering are from the faculty.

## Sophs Elect New Way

This year, each sophomore homeroom nominated a candidate for every office in a preliminary election. In the primary election, two candidates for each office were chosen from this list by the homeroom, who then voted for their officers in a final election. This method, eliminating the old nominating committee which previously had chosen the two final nominees for the offices, was one of John Ferguson's planks in his campaign platform.

**It is my privilege and pleasure to wish for each of you a Good Holiday Season.**

**Sometime during the happy and busy days ahead I suggest that we all stop and pray, using the words of Shakespeare**

***"O Lord! that lends me life, lend me a heart replete with thankfulness!"***

**Russell H. Rupp**

## Faculty Children Enjoy Xmas Party

Santa Claus came to Shaker to visit the children of the faculty members at the annual Christmas party on December 18.

The party was sponsored by the combined forces of the P.T.A. and the Social Council.

The big event of the day came when the children visited Santa Claus, impersonated by Jerry Thal. As an extra bit of entertainment, there were group singing, magic tricks by Ken Lapine, and a girls' trio. The children, parading in their party hats, produced the climax. As a reward for their efforts, Santa Claus presented to each a gift and a balloon.

## Senior Party Mixes Italian Pizza With Fun and 'Big'!

By Fred Wellman

"To be, or not to be—that is the bare bodkin." These famous words were uttered by Jack Pickering in an attempt to induce all seniors to attend the Senior Class Party.

**The "Big One" Entertained Seniors**

The party, a no-date affair, was held Saturday, December 14. Seniors had a chance to mingle with other seniors from eight to eleven o'clock. In order to accommodate the large turnout, the girls' gym was turned over to the merry-makers.

John Krupnick, the senior class president, trying to lure people to the affair, reminded everyone that there would be "all the pizza you can eat." This appealed to all hungry seniors and helped present the party's theme, which was an Italian restaurant. In charge of providing the hungry ones with pizza were the refreshment chairmen, Ellen Sherby and Mary Jane DiGiovanni.

Galen Longwell, who was in charge of entertainment and decorations, lined up Big Wilson as master of ceremonies and an all-star show.

With all these incentives, John Tomasch, who had charge of publicity, didn't have a hard job convincing the seniors to come to the party. Ken Dery, the ticket chairman, had no trouble selling the tickets either. For all that food, entertainment, and dancing, the cost was only $1.00.

**In Latin: Hilaria Saturnalia tibi! In French: Joyeux Noel! In German: Frohliche Weinachten! In Spanish: Feliz Navidad! And in English: A very MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU!**

## Alumni Christmas Concert Staged Tonight at Shaker

By Karen Bass

This evening, the Christmas season at Shaker will be officially opened by the annual Alumni Christmas Concert, presented by the choral groups under the direction of Reynold Ellis. This year's concert will begin at 8:15 p. m. in the high school auditorium.

**Choir members await opening of Christmas concert tonight at Shaker.**

Traditionally, the Glee Club, the Singers' Club, and the Chanticleers will join with A Cappella Choir to help make the program a diversified one. The concert tonight, however, will be unlike those of past years in several ways. For instance, there will be no intermission, as the comparatively short program will take only one hour and fifteen minutes' time.

The Glee Club, sponsored for tenth grade girls and accompanied by Irene Parker, will begin tonight's entertainment by singing a group of Polish Christmas carols. Next will be heard the Singers' Club, with five Czech Christmas carols. The Singers' Club is made up of junior and senior girls, who are accompanied by Jean Pinter.

An entirely new feature has been added to the concert this year. The choir will sing *Laudamus Te* as an echo introit from the lobby, and then will slowly walk down the aisles of the auditorium to the stage, carrying lighted candles and humming the processional. Chimes will also be rung at this time.

Instead of limiting their songs to seasonal ones, the choir will sing a variety of music. *He's Gone Away*, for example, is a beautiful American folk song which includes solos by Mimi Bookatz and Alan Roth. When the choir has concluded its part in the program, the Chanticleers will give their interpretation of *'Twas the Night Befor Christmas*.

The Alumni Concert will be climaxed by the traditional *Hallelujah Chorus* from Handel's *Messiah*, during which the choral groups will unite with the alumni of A Cappella Choir, who have been especially invited to this program. Then, after a recessional with lighted candles, the choir will sing the *Benediction* from the lobby to conclude an evening of fine music.

## Welfare Program Aided the Needy

Shaker's unique Student Council Christmas Welfare program continued again this year. The County Welfare Department furnished a list of fifty-six needy families, one for each of Shaker's homerooms.

Student Council Representatives chose their families Wednesday, December 4, and read the case histories in their homerooms on Thursday and Friday. The students in the homerooms decided on the amounts they wished to contribute, most donations ranging from $20.00 to $30.00. Other gifts such as clothing, food or toys are not encompassed by the Student Council's Program.

Contributions were made during homeroom period, starting on Monday, December 9, and ending on Thursday, December 12. After each homeroom period the contribution boxes were returned to the Student Fund Office. Every day representatives filled out and returned the report forms which were placed in the boxes. The money was forwarded to the County Welfare Department and earmarked for the family chosen by the homeroom.

Letters received from case workers show that this plan of welfare gives both a financial and psychological lift to worthy families being helped by the county. The workers are intimately involved in the program, as they help each family plan for the expenditure of all money contributed.

Each homeroom had a distinct responsibility to its family, since the families assigned to Shaker High School were not aided in this way by any other organization.

Jack Dolin

# Santa's Mailbox

By Harriet Luria and Larry Kahn

The students of Shaker Senior High are looking forward once again to December 25. On this Christmas day they hope to receive certain gifts that only the Yuletide season can bring. No matter how unattainable the wish seems all year long, the innate optimism of the Shaker student makes the improbable a reality at Xmas. And for some strange reason, because of either some inspiration on the student's part or etheral causes, Old St. Nick seems to come through every year in almost all cases.

We have just finished talking to Santa Claus and he has offered to take orders for Christmas presents. Being our unselfish selves, we have placed the orders which are the most interesting and most important, and which illustrate just how much faith the students place in the miracles that Christmas can bring.

We've all heard the theme "All I Want for Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth"; well, not only does **Arnie Krause** want them, but he really needs them.

**Lois Bauer** desires a Z.B.T. from W.R.U. or O.S.U., but **Marcia Snider** will take her Z.B.T. from anyplace.

Some individuals will settle for treats to suit their taste buds. **Ralph Waldo** wants a baked **Ham**, while **Harley Kravitz** wishes some fresh sweet "honey."

A large number of students' interests lie primarily in the automotive field. **Hal Schwartz** and **Mike Marino** want new cars, and in particular, **Larry Freeman** wants a Mercedes Benz. **Sandy Rossio** is hoping for a fire-engine red Ford convertible, while **Marcie Faulb** is so anxious to drive that she'll just settle for the fire engine. **Myra Newman, Carol Haag,** and **Malcolm Hale** just want their driver's licenses.

Some people are not hoping for material things this Christmas, but rather for something close to a miracle. **Barry Brouman** wants his freckles removed, **Neil Malamud** wants to keep his suntan, **Jeff Cole** wants his hair to get thicker, and **Jim Oviatt** wants to grow as tall as his brother. **Peggy Kennedy** desires naturally curly hair, **Marnie Stage** wants some snow for Christmas, while **Pat Faragher** wants 80 degree weather.

Desired by the basketball team is another six inches, and the wrestling team is looking for a new way to lose weight. The swimming team wants people other than **Bob Markus, Tom Adler,** and **Jerry Rosenthal** to supply jokes after the swimming meets.

**Gloria Kastner** would like the last page of *The Shakerite*. **Dale Huge** hopes to find a beautiful blonde in his stocking Xmas morn. **John Foster** wants some WADing boots, **Dick Leukart** wants clothes with the FORWARD look, and **Peggy Freed** wants a BOBsled. Condolences to **Dennis Reimer** whose holiday season is interrupted by injuries—he is GOREd.

**Judy Greenberger, Judy Kramer, Leslie Royce,** and **Margie Abrams** are hoping for a new deck of bridge cards.

**Adrienne Meldon** is decorating her recreation room for the Christmas season with pine COHENS.

Hardest up of all are **Dave Dunn, Dave Falk, Bill Levine, Dave Clark,** and one of yours truly who is looking high and low for gas money to Florida.

These are just a few of the items that head the lists of Shaker students. We hope you have a merry Christmas, and may Santa be good to you all.

HOWARD'S STORE
*For Men and Boys*
2 STORES
Kinsman - Lee Lee - Harvard

ZINNER'S FLOWERS
*Corsages Our Specialty*
WE DELIVER
Kinsman and Lee LO 1-5500

## STUDENT HELPED AT GERMAN CONSULATE

By Don Stern

From translating model airplane instructions to arranging visas and war pensions—this is the wide range of services performed by the German Consulate in Cleveland.

On Friday, November 29, Bill Stern, a sixth grade student at Sussex Elementary School, received a German model airplane as a gift. Not being able to understand the directions, written in German, he called the German Consulate located at 1010 Euclid Avenue. They were most cordial and, after translating the instructions, invited Bill and this reporter to come and see the consulate.

Arriving at the consulate, we met Dr. Margarethe Bitter, Consul or head of Cleveland's Consulate. Dr. Bitter explained that the German Consulate in Cleveland carries on the same functions as the United States Consulates in Europe.

The consulate represents the German government and deals with individuals, advising them on various points. It does not take care of political problems.

Bill's airplane does fly now and he knows about the interesting work of the German Consulates.

## Francaises de Shaker Chantent Joyeux Noel

Where, in Shaker Heights High School, were Christmas carols, sung in French, heard on December 10? At the French Club's Christmas party, of course!

On Tuesday, December 10, the members of the French Club gathered in the Social Room to celebrate the coming of Christmas, as they do every year. As is the usual thing at most French Club Christmas parties, members were treated to candy canes, handed out before the party started.

Some of the entertainment for the party was furnished by the Girls' Sextet from the school choir. French Club members also had fun singing several Christmas carols together.

After all of the fun and entertainment was over, refreshments, which consisted of large Christmas cookies and punch, were served.

Officers of the French Club who worked hard planning the Christmas Party were: President Linda Levenson; Vice President, Suzy Slavin, Secretary, Margie Meyers; Treasurer, Leta Clark, and Social Chairman, Karen Cowan.

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# Here's Special Help on SAT's For Seniors Who Are Panicked

By Margie Simon and Nancy Mitnick

Because of the great ovation with which this column was received last year, we have decided to continue the senior service of compiling a list of practice questions and answers for seniors taking College Board Examinations. We have been assisted in this task by the College Bores Association located on Daleford and Strandhill Roads.

### Algebra

**Q. If "A" can remove the weeds from a garden which is 36½ feet by 45¼ feet in four hours, and "B" can remove the weeds from a garden which is 72½ feet by 104¼ feet in eight hours, how long will it take "C" to acquire hayfever?**

A. If you get an answer, please notify us.
X=girl Y=boy Z=Chaperone
X+2Y=jealousy
2X+Y=quarrel
X+Y+Z=misery
X+Y—Z=happiness

### Grammar

**Q. What is it called when the teacher says, "I love, you love, he loves?"**

A. One of those triangles where someone gets shot.

**Q. Give a sentence with "heterodoxology" in it.**

A. No.

### Geography

**Q. The population of Kezar Falls, Maine is**
**a) 80,000,000 b) 1,000,000**
**c) 74321½ d) 45,000,000**
**e) none of the above**

A. e) Correct answer is 3, the Mayor and his family.

### Spanish

**Q. What is the difference between "senor" and "senorita"?**

A. Plenty.

### Chemistry—Modern Science Defines Woman

**Symbol**—Wo
**Accepted Atomic Weight**—120
**Occurrence**—Found wherever man exists, seldom in a free state.
**Physical Properties**—Boils at nothing, may freeze any minute, very bitter if not well used.
**Chemical Properties**—Very active possesses great affinity for gold, silver, platinum, and precious stones, violent reaction when left alone, able to absorb great amounts of expensive food, turns green when placed beside a better specimen, ages rapidly.
**Uses**—Highly ornamental, useful as a tonic for low spirits, is probably the most powerful (income) reducing agent known.
**Caution**—Highly explosive
**Variations**—All present day models are isotopes of the original Eve.

### Health

**Q. What is the disease which is competing with Mononeucleosis at Shaker Heights High School? (Hint: The germ is not as much fun to catch; nevertheless, there is quite an epidemic.)**

A. Asian Flu

### Vocabulary

Those of you who have studied **Word Wealth** have found some of the meanings rather ambiguous. We have taken the trouble to clarify these definitions:

**bacteria**—back room of the cafeteria
**denial**—Cleopatra lived and loved on denial.
**derive**—John, if you don't derive me home, I'll call my mother.
**dilate**—Methuselah did it.
**advent**—The advent into the wrong newspaper.
**diversified**—This is diversified egg I have ever eaten.
**egoist**—a person of low taste, more interested in himself, than in you.
**Ivy League kiss**—a belt in the mouth.
**advice**—talking to a person whose mind is already made up.
**guided missile**—girl with strict parents.

### Science

**Q. The latest scientific news is that Russia is sending a satellite into outer space called Sputnik. What is the satellite that Shaker Heights High School is planning to launch?**

A. Zednik

*The one who thinks our questions are poor*
*Would straightaway change his views*
*Could he compare the questions we print*
*With those we could not use.*

We hope these questions will be of some assistance in your studying. Please don't let these practice questions discourage you—the worst is yet to come!

## Hi-Y Holiday Party Entertains Orphans

As in previous years, the senior chapter of the Shaker Hi-Y has again sponsored their annual Orphans' Christmas Party. As sophomores, each chapter starts building its treasury for this event.

**Senior Hi-Y members prepare for their annual Christmas good deed.**

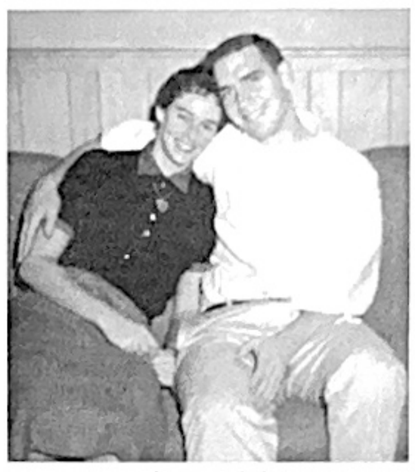
On Sunday, December 15, 25 members of the senior chapter and their dates were hosts to 50 orphans at the Heights YMCA on Lee Road. These children were selected by the "Y" to attend this party on the basis of their need. A show consisting of Popeye cartoons and a magician kept the hosts and their guests busy from 3 to 5 o'clock. Then, after refreshments, the day was topped off by a visit from Santa Claus himself who presented each child with a gift.

The sophomore chapter of Hi-Y, under the guidance of Fred Holzhauser, generously offered to aid in the administration of the party by setting tables and cleaning up. This left the seniors and their dates free to give their attention to their guests.

# Seniors Give Carols a New Twist

*By Marnie and Marge*

Hark, the Herald Angels (?) Sing



Silent Night

Francine Kravitz, Carol Korman, and Sue Kent, who were some of those who had a real cool canasta game at Fran Solomon's house last week.

**For She's a Jolly Good Fellow—Dr. Dilley** excused her 4th year Latin class a half-hour early for lunch the day before Thanksgiving.

**—Congratulations to Bonnie Krenitz, Margie Schwartzman, Louisa Knusli, Ann Sawyer, Marilyn Sanson, Judy A. Stark, Mary Jane Di Giovanni, Sandy Smith, Carol Sogg, and last but not least Ronnie Rudolph, who have already had their college applications accepted.**

**Still goofing—Phil Jackson** still seems to be having trouble separating his sports from his schwartz.

Holidays always bring a lot of mail (not only the kind home from college) and here are our most heartening letters:

Dear M and M,

I'm in a terrible fix, as I committed the terrible sin of inviting three different girls to the Christmas Dance. What do I do now?

Signed,
M. I. Nervous

**Answer—Take it cool, remember—"Evil spelled backwards is Live."**

Dear M and M,

I sent in 4 college applications by mistake and now I'm getting in trouble. Can you help me?

Signed,
I Goofed

**Answer—Don't panic, you probably won't get accepted at any of them.**

Dear M and M,

I knit my boyfriend a sweater for Christmas but it's too big. What do you suggest?

Signed,
Worried

**Answer — Find a bigger boyfriend.**

Dear M and M,

I can't seem to get a date for New Year's Eve, and it's getting late. Can you help me?

**Answer—Sorry, we're busy.**

**We've said it once,**
**We've said it twice,**
**We'll say it again, and real nice:**

*YRREM SAMTSIRHC DNA*
*YPPAH WEN RAEY*

Walking in a Winter Wonderland

We wish you a Merry Christmas

And a Happy New Year

## With Marnie Seniors at Large and Marge

*I'm dreaming of a Christmas vacation*
*Just like the one I had last year,*
*With no school bells ringing,*
*I'll sure be singing, and*
*Sleeping late without a fear.*

*I'm dreaming of a Christmas vacation*
*When off to parties I will go,*
*There'll be songs and laughter*
*And maybe after I'll get "him"*
*'Neath the mistletoe!*

*I'm dreaming of a Christmas vacation*
*With presents numbering eighty-three,*
*With a mink coat from mother,*
*A hi-fi from brother, and*
*An Isetta 'neath the tree.*

*I'm dreaming of a Christmas vacation*
*That is the time for which I wait.*
*There'll be sheer delight that lovely night*
*That '57 turns to '58!*

*I'm dreaming of a Christmas vacation*
*With every syllabus I write.*
*May the days be filled with "good cheer"*
*And give me strength to finish out this year!*

### IF WE COULD PLAY SANTA CLAUS WE'D:

Give **Mr. Bristol** a slow motion machine.

Award **Mrs. Brammer** and **Mr. Morris** medals for work "above and beyond the call of duty."

Buy **Miss Macdonald** a farm.

Buy **Mr. Danford** his own private Teahouse.

Give **Mr. MacKeigan** the Liberty Bell.

Give **Dr. Dilley** a "Roman Holiday."

Give **"Zip"** a letter sweater.

Wish **Mr. Harbourt** a **MCAHNY.**

Give **"Burkie"** a "baby duck."

Buy **Mr. Pickering** black denim trousers and motorcycle boots.

### AROUND THE WORLD IN 16 DAYS

During vacation Shakerites are traveling—as usual.

NORTH—

**Ellen Rippner** is going to Toronto (guess which one of the "M's" is going with her!)

SOUTH—

The usual group is migrating to Florida and among the many seniors are: **John Harston, Judy Pier, Jimmy Ginsberg, Bonnie Mandel, Valerie Rockman** and **Mary Jane Geisinger**—and going very, very South is **Mike Hays,** who will journey to Mexico.

**EAST—**

**Pennsylvania will be invaded as Philadelphia claims Merle Nathons and Dave Smith.**

**Boston-bound are Paula Walsh and Judy Ostlund, and Paula, along with Sue Lemel and Marcia Stein, will give her regards to Broadway.**

**Also some of those going to New York on the school-sponsored trip are: Martha Brouwer, Judy Peterka, Iris Leuchtag, and Sue Schoenberger.**

WEST—

**Buck Ellsworth** en route to Wisconsin and **Sandy Messerman** goes to the Rose Bowl game (California, here I come!).

**Life can be Miserable**—Just ask **Sally Carter** who drove around for 15 minutes before she realized she had a flat tire!

**That's the Spirit — Ed Jeffrey, Ron Prusa, Johnny Lieser, Alan Onutz, Bob Kennedy and John Harston were so elated at the Brown's game that they took parts of the goal post home as souvenirs!**

**Have Gun, Will Travel—Miss Nichol** shot her entire homeroom! But don't panic, as it was only with a cap pistol.

**The Joker is Wild — Just ask**

## Letters to the Editors

**Dear Editors,**

**On behalf of the natators, we would like to thank The Shakerite for their generous write-up in the last issue. We especially would like to extend our fondest gratitude to David Ralph "Bronco" "Plusky" "Cowboy" Nagusky for his part in the article.**

**Thanks,**
**"Dumbo," "Pinocchio," and "Mr. America"**

## Combined Y-Teen Chapters Plan for Active Christmas

Doing their part to spread Christmas cheer this season are Shaker's Y-Teen organizations. The sophomore chapter, under the chairmanship of Jackie Dostal, plans to make tray favors to be sent to various institutions throughout the city, and Rosanne Sansone, directing the junior chapter's activities, is arranging for her group to sing carols at several old folks' homes. The junior Y-Teens are also planning to make tray favors for the Cleveland State Mental Hospital.

The senior chapter, waiting for another season to complete their service projects, were nevertheless active in helping to plan the Y-Teens' annual combined chapter Christmas party, which was held in the Girls' Gym and the social room on Monday, December 16. For this traditional party, all three chapters joined forces to produce the most enjoyable Y-Teen celebration yet. Under Miss Rose Bannaian's supervision, the job of planning the party was equally divided. The seniors, with Mrs. Gene Brammer's help, supplied the refreshments. In charge of entertainment for the party was the junior chapter, under the direction of Mrs. Barbara Kneifel. The sophomore Y-Teens, with Mrs. Jane Graveen helping them, saw to it that the party was sufficiently publicized. The sophs were also in charge of decorations.

With so much planning, the Y-Teens contributed a great deal towards a merry Christmas not only for hundreds of patients throughout the city, but also for all the Shaker Y-Teens who attended the holiday party.

Y-Teeners ready their annual Christmas project and plan for party.

# Shaker Noise

Jim by Ron

## 'The Boys'

### A TALE OF TWO CLASSES

Once again "Operation Escape" will begin. This military action begins tomorrow.

Among those Shakerites volunteering for dangerous duty were **Judy Lubin** and **Judie Abrams** who will set up a beachhead in Florida. Going along as chief-of-staff is **Ralph Loveman.**

Establishing an outpost in California is **Susie Sternberg.**

Moving north, many of our troops are infiltrating New York City. Traveling in disguise in order to gain the element of surprises are **Roger Aaron** and **Sheldon Artz.** Meanwhile, **Vic Ippolito** and **Pat Murphy** have guaranteed us control of the Empire State Building. Sending back hourly reports of the vicious battles at "21", Stork Club, and Copacabana are those trusted correspondents **Jeff Korach** and **Ronnie Eisenberg,** who will watch **Sherrie Friedman** and **Susie Kaufman** as they storm the enemy bastions.

Lest we forget that "they also serve who only stand and wait," we should mention Mess Sergeant **Dick Skall** and Medical Corpswoman **Lois Cowan,** who promise to take care of everybody who returns exhausted.

### An Injustice Exposed

"The Boys" realize that during this vacation all Shakerites will stay home to study (night and day) for finals. It is this injustice against which we must cry out. Our reasoning is simple. During school our homework is ignored for dates, dances, and other more worthwhile activities. Thus we feel compelled to work so much harder to catch up when vacations come. Obviously, if vacations were cut out, we would never have to study and could live a happier life. Thus it is that we move here and now to abolish vacation!

### Letters Lately Received

**Dear "Boys,"**

**Add me to your list of vacationers. This place is out of this world.**

**Laika**

**Dear "Boys,"**

**I have a complaint! All I ever see in your column are Shaker names. Stop that discrimination!**

**Governor Faubus**

### Test Your I. Q.—(Idiocy Quotient)

Once a year this jolly old fellow dons a red suit and chambers across the housetops. He is . . .

A. Charles Van Doren
B. Ghengis Khan
C. Fred Dixon

Known as the "Great Emancipator," this hero was born in a log cabin in Kentucky. He was . . .

A. Robert E. Lee
B. Alfred E. Newman
C. Hal March

This television star appears Sunday nights opposite Steve Allen He is . . .

A. Lassie
B. Dave Beck
C. John Cameron Crazy

**Now to steady your nerves try this:**

If John is Mary's brother and his father is an organ grinder man, will Uncle Horace discover he is really a millionaire with amnesia, or does Cousin Edgar manage to escape (with John) to South America? If so, why does Aunt Hildegarde refuse to tell Nikita Smith where she has hidden the plans to the secret missile while Mary is training to fight Floyd Patterson in her basement? However, if this is not the case, what caused John L. Lewis to strike against Uncle Horace's coal mine? Or does Ike really shoot in the 90's?

### "That'll Be the Day"—When:

**Joyce Levine** isn't sick on New Year's.

**Eric Carson** smiles.

**Denny Fromin** swears off bowling

**Joanie Ludwig** gets her name in this column.

### Santa Exposed as Ruthless Competitor

On a recent Polar jaunt, your reporters gleaned much news from a leading citizen of the icy regions. Coming upon him during his busy season, we were unable to prolong our questioning, but the following excerpts may prove of interest:

Q. Is it true, Mr. Claus, that you are the owner of nine reindeer?

S.C. Yes, but up until recently there were only eight.

Q. How is it that you acquired the ninth?

S.C. You know that song about somebody named Rudolph? Well, it got so that everyone thought I owned him You can't fight Madison Avenue!

Q. Much tradition is built around your occupancy of the North Pole for headquarters . . .

S.C. A lot of poppycock! These northern elves work for practically nothing. Mass production, low wages — that's my secret.

Q. But aren't you the kindly old man who has children sit on his knee in all the stores?

S.C. A vicious rumor—don't print that! Listen young man, when you've been in this racket as long as I have, you're hard, tough. I'm a multi-billionaire and I didn't get that way sitting in department stores. I get a cut from every toy that's sold. Now if you'll excuse me, I'm busy. The plant is running full blast—some holiday or something coming up.

Marc Klein

# Sneaky Shaker Santas

During each "Santa Claus" season these friendly rivals conduct a contest to see whose room will be decorated the most appropriately and beautifully.

To quote the man on the left, "During the Christmas season, I have been known to serenade classes with "Jingle Bells" and "Joy to the World" played on my flutophone. These selections put the students in the proper holiday spirit. My homeroom and I decorate the blackboard with imaginative drawings in colored chalk outdoing the homeroom next door in every way."

The man on the right has said, "At Christmas time my blackboard is decorated most beautifully. Ours is the only homeroom in the school whose decorations match the spirit of the season. It is unfortunate that it is necessary for the hopelessly outclassed individual who teaches in the adjoining room to be jealous of our superior decorations."

### Xmas Spirit for Artist!

This man, who believes that Santa Claus existed historically, has taught at Shaker Heights High School for years. He has a good sense of humor and his classes are known to enjoy his teaching. His interests are diversified and he especially enjoys attending the symphony.

A student of the arts, he is currently receiving free instructions and "off the cuff" suggestions from those two grand masters, Mr. Rembrandt van Jeffery and Mr. Vincent van Caldwell. He often (when there is room on the weekly test papers) practices and previews his art work for his students. In this way he increases his students' knowledge by sketches of outstanding historical figures whom they are studying such as Andrew Jackson, Thomas Jefferson, and Elizabeth Taylor.

Although born and raised in Cleveland, while in the Navy he traveled as far west as Guam While on a recent European tour, he journeyed as far east as Venice.

### Scotch-Irish Likes Xmas!

Born in Illinois in 19..? (within the last 100 years), this man is now in his third year of teaching at Shaker Heights High School. Before coming here he was employed by a well-known institution of higher learning in the Cleveland area. He has participated in many school functions and gave a distinguished performance in last year's dramatic production of **Joan of Lorraine.** He is also a member of the faculty basketball team, which is about to begin another undefeated season

He drives an old beat-up Ford and may almost always be found carrying a briefcase. A pipe or a plaid necktie will suffice for anyone who wants an "A" in this man's course and does not have time to study for his tests. He often boasts about his nationality background and spends much time on this subject in class. On test days a skull and cross bones may be found hanging in the front of his room. "Its purpose," says he, "is to intimidate my students and to whip them into line."

# Planning Ahead?

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| **Friday, Dec. 20** | **7:00** | **Basketball at Parma** |
| | **8:15** | **Christmas Choir Concert** |
| **Saturday, Dec. 21** | **2:00** | **Euclid Relays** |
| | **8:30** | **Christmas Alumni Dance** |
| **Friday, Dec. 27** | **8:00** | **Basketball Tournament at Garfield** |
| **Monday, Jan. 6** | | **Back to School** |
| **Thursday, Jan. 9** | **3:45** | **Wrestling vs. Lakewood, here** |
| **Friday, Jan. 10** | **7:00** | **Basketball vs. Shaw, here** |
| | **8:00** | **Kent State Relays** |
| **Saturday, Jan. 11** | **8:30** | **College Board S. A. T. Test** |
| | **700** | **Basketball at Lutheran** |
| **Wednesday, Jan. 15** | **3:45** | **Swim at Berea** |
| **Thursday, Jan. 16** | **3:45** | **Wrestling at Euclid** |
| **Friday, Jan. 17** | | **Exams** |
| | **3:45** | **Swim Euclid, here** |
| | **7:00** | **Basketball at Euclid** |
| **Saturday, Jan. 18** | **7:00** | **Basketball vs. Maple Heights, here** |

# Eighteen 'Cubs' Make the Grade

By Susan Lowe

For five weeks, aspiring *Shakerite* cub reporters have called upon the Muses for inspiration and their typewriters for co-operation, and I have tried to avoid exasperation.

Approximately 150 application sheets were submitted by enthusiastic would-be journalists, following "Know Your Club Week." Of these, 54 were accepted to enter a try-out period.

The first meeting was held November 4, and, as was customary at all of these, Burton Randall, faculty adviser, spoke to the group on newswriting.

Each week brought different topics, as a basis for selection of new staff members. Their first assignment was to write an article on either the Heights-Shaker football game or on the "Foot-Ball" dance.

For the following week, the choice between a report on "The Teahouse of the August Moon" or one on College Night was given to the aspiring 54, whose number was soon to drop to about 40. The third try-out assignment, was a write-up of an interview with Albert Senft

The basketball game with Brush or an editorial on "What We, As Shakerites, Have to Be Thankful For" were the alternative selections in the next week's competition. Mr. Randall's interview concerning an imaginary prince of "Salty Arcadia" constituted the topic of the final article

Graded on the basis of ten possible points per article, credit was lost through the writing of inaccurate facts, poor grammar, misspelling, lack of originality, ineffective use of words, or poor organization.

At the try-out deadline, announcement was made of the eighteen survivors of weeks of writer's cramp, journalistic competition, and staff selection. Those advancing to the rank of bona fide reporters are: **Linda Blondis, Merry Brown, Ronald Epstein, John Fishel, Roselyn Friedman, Janet Green, Susan Haskell, Anthony Holmes, Judy Hyman, Mike Kaye, Jill Lieder, Susan Lowe, Kathy Matey, David Neustadt, Robert Nolan, Stanley Ornstein, Irene Parker, and Barbara Winger.**

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# Girls' Sports Spark

*By Nancy Stark*

The girls' volleyball inter-school season started with a bang on Wednesday, December 4, as Shaker met Hathaway Brown School in four close duels on the Shaker courts.

The two senior teams, captained by Pat Tenbeau and Liz Harris, won three out of the four games played. After the games, punch and cookies were served in the Social Room.

Pat Tenbeau's team was composed of Lauretta Battle, Martha Brouwer, Kathy Brunner, Sally Carter, Alice Grossman, Frankie Kitt, Joan Lieder, Diane Liebenthal, Carolyn Mandell, Leslie Royce, Pat Tenbeau, and Paula Walsh.

The following seniors played on Liz Harris' team: Betsy Gunn, Elizabeth Harris, Sue Hoffman, Janet Howell, Karen Jamieson, Louisa Knusli, Jane Linke, Judy Pier, Lucinn Thomas, Nancy Zak, and Joyce Zucker.

Three days later, inter-school basketball season also opened with the first of a series of basketball clinics to be held in Shaker's Boys' Gym. A mixed team of junior and senior girls triumphed over West Tech High School, 15-1.

The Girls' Swimming Leaders' Club sponsored its annual girls' swimming meet on Friday, December 6. The seniors, defeating both the juniors and the sophomores with a tremendous score, retained their hold on the championship title.

Nice going, seniors!

## Malamud's Aces Capture Pin Lead

Mel Resnick's Bowling Aces were forced out of first place by Neil Malamud's Cowboys on Monday, December 9. This is the first time this year that the Aces have been out of first place; however, the Cowboys have only a one point lead on them.

Bowling for the Cowboys are Neil Malamud, Barry Brouman, Larry Freeman, Jim Ginsberg, and Mike Cohen. Ed Davis, Ronnie Kulberg, Dennis Fromin, Dennis Polisner, and Mel Resnick call themselves Aces.

The Strikers managed to regain the third place position. Known as the Strikers are Dick Berger, Bob Sanders, Jeff Brooks, John Hibshman and Jeff Wuliger.

So far no one has been able to come near Jerry Heller's average of 177. Tied for the second highest average are Mel Resnick and John Hibshman with 167.

The three high series are still the same. They are a 673, 587, and 581 bowled by Resnick, Heller, and Fromin, respectively.

Mel Resnick's outstanding game of 268 is the highest game bowled in the league this year. In second place is Dennis Fromin with his 245 game. John Hibshman's 225 is still good enough for third place.

# S.A.T.'s Soon, College When?

The time of year is approaching when the seniors start worrying about the Scholastic Aptitude Tests, which will be given in January.

This is a three-hour test which consists of six one-half-hour parts. There are three sections on English, two sections on mathematics, and one experimental section. The test is required for admissions by many colleges.

On certain dates the S.A.T.'s are given at the various testing centers throughout the country. Shaker Heights High School is one of the testing centers in the Cleveland area. Our school is expecting a maximum of 500 students. About 275 will be Shaker students, and the rest will come from neighboring schools.

The students will report to the school at 8:30 in the morning. The test will be given in the cafeteria, library, and girls' gym which will be furnished with tables and chairs from Woodbury Junior High School's cafeteria.

Seniors are cautioned not to lose the tickets which will be sent to them in the mail, because without them they will not be permitted to take the test. As usual there is always a student who awakens on the day of the test to discover his tickets were sent to the laundry on the previous day. He then frantically rushes to the school to see if anything can be done. **Don't let this happen to you!**

# Cleveland Offers Holiday Fun and Folly for Vacationing Shakerites

*By Janet Wolfe*

While some head for Florida come Christmas vacation, and others for New York, many Shakerites (about 1200 of them) are heading for the great big city of Cleveland. It is for this latter group that the highlights of the gala entertainment offered over the holidays are listed.

### Cinema Fanatics

Movie-goers will have many treats in store for them. Among the outstanding movies will be **Peyton Place,** at the Hipp, starring Lana Turner and Lloyd Nolan, **Sayonara,** starting Dec. 25 at the Allen, starring Marlon Brando and Red Buttons; **The Enemy Below,** starting Dec. 25 at the Embassy, starring Robert Mitchum. Loew's Stillman will feature **Don't Go Near the Water** with Glenn Ford during Christmas and **Raintree County** with Montgomery Clift and Elizabeth Taylor at New Year's; Loew's State will feature **Sad Sack,** with Jerry Lewis, beginning Dec. 19, and **Legend of the Lost,** starring John Wayne and Sophia Loren, at New Year's. Rounding out the list are **Cinerama Holiday** and **Around the World in 80 Days** at the Palace and Loew's Ohio, respectively.

### Drama and Music Lovers

For the stage-enthusiasts, the Play House will feature three top-notch plays. **Hotel Paradiso,** starting Dec. 18, and **The Mousetrap,** beginning Dec. 26, will be given at the Drury (84th St.) Theatre, and the hilarious comedy **The Reluctant Debutante** will be featured at the 77th St. Theatre. The Hanna will feature Eugene O'Neill's **Long Day's Journey Into Night** in its final two days on Dec. 20 and 21, and the outstanding comedy **No Time for Sergeants** starting Dec. 25. Karamu's Arena Theater will present **Sign of Jonah** starting Dec. 27, and the Proscenium will feature **The King and I,** opening Dec. 13.

The Heights Art Theatre will show the French comedy **Four Bags Full** through Dec. 24, and **God Created Woman** beginning the 25th.

Those desiring culture should be interested in Severance Hall activity, which consists of concerts on Dec. 19 and 21 featuring violinist Isaac Stern. Robert Shaw will lead the Cleveland Orchestra on Dec. 26 and 28.

### Sports Fans

For the sports-minded, the Cleveland Barons will play on Dec. 21, 27, and 28, and Jan. 3 and 4. Shakerites wishing to get in on the act can skate to their hearts' delight at Northfield Plaza.


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# Sports Reports
## By Dave Nagusky

Swimming Coach John Paul Stark has certainly had more than his share of thrills as a high school coach. Now in his eleventh year as head mentor of the merman, J.P.—as he is affectionately known to his hard-working teams — must certainly be classified as the Paul Brown of Shaker High School sports in view of his team's past performances. In his 11 years, Paul has been somewhat more than partly instrumental in bring six Lake Erie League, four district, and a treasured state championship to this high school.

**As a coach, Paul feels the main attribute for success is continual hard work. Any one of his swimmers over the years will vouch for Coach Stark in this respect. In fact, most of the varsity athletes in the school, if asked, would, I suspect, agree that swimming is Shaker's toughest sport. Let us take this year's training program as an example. On Monday afternoon, September 30, all aspiring varsity and JayVee swimmers assembled on the track for the first of 30 workouts outdoors. After doing a number of different calisthenics, they jogged up to two and one-half miles around the track and the neighboring sidewalks before quitting each day. This they did for six weeks. Finally, on November 11, they saw water for the first time. The strategy behind this running program was to first build up the stamina and leg muscles of the swimmers.**

Following a week or two of hard work in the water, time trials were held, and those boys not up to standards were immediately dropped from the squad. This year Coach Stark kept only 18 mermen on his varsity. He likes to keep this number at a minimum.

In looking back over the years, J.P. obviously feels that the 1953-1954 season was his most successful. In that year Shaker swept through 12 dual meets undefeated, was second in the city meet (U.S. won), was second in the Bowling Green Relays which featured Michigan's as well as Ohio's top swimming teams, and easily dethroned defending champion Cleveland Heights in the Lake Erie League. In this same year the Red Raiders managed to edge Lakewood 80-79 for first place in the district meet. Bob Perry and Dan Clawson, besides capturing individual state crowns, were named to the All-American high school team.

Although this 1954 season is a hard one to top, I'm sure this will be another highly successful season and one possessing many more thrills for our extremely proud coach, John Paul Stark.

### Vacation Sports Calendar

The high school sports scene will be rather quiet over the vacation for Shakerites except for the Garfield Cage Tournament, which is to be held Friday and Saturday nights, December 27 and 28, at Garfield Heights High School. Entered along with Heinlen's hoopsters are Maple Heights, Orange, and the home school.

For all you ultra-avid high school basketball fans, December 27 should be circled. That is the night East Tech, clearly the area's best quintet, will travel to Cleveland Heights to meet the Heights Tigers. For those of you unfamiliar with this cage power, they have their top six players back from last year, when they lasted until the quarter-finals of the state tournament. Their personnel includes 6 ft. 7 in. Ed Ferguson, 6 ft. 5 in. Ken Glenn, 6 ft. 4 in. Lemoyne Porter, 6 ft. 3 in. Fred Brown, 6 ft. 2 in. James Stone, the sensational shot in the area, and 5 ft. 10 in. Gerald Warfield, their floor leader.

P.S. This team ran up a total of 121 points against John Hay High, December 6.

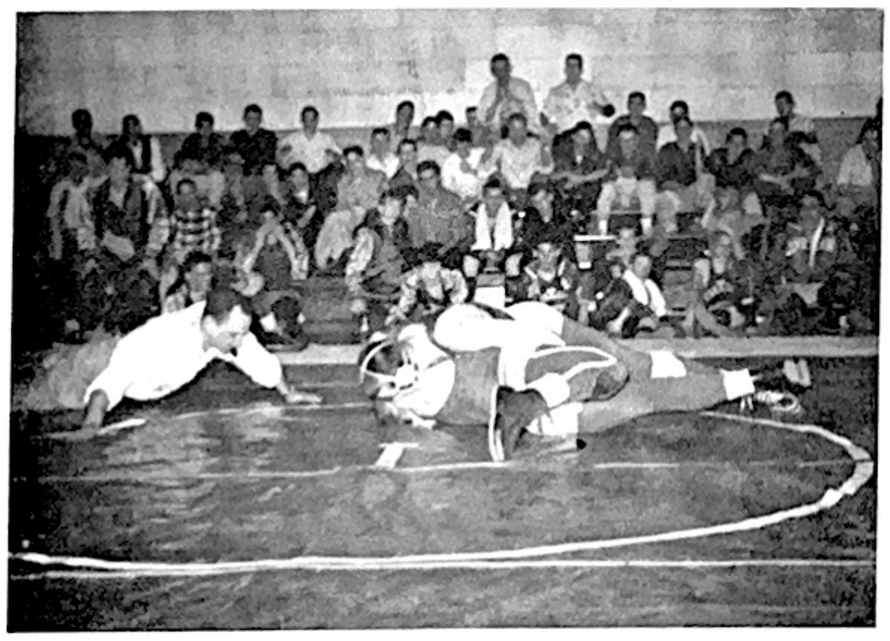
### Acclaim the Name Dep't . . .

**Lenny Weiss this year faces an extremely tough task as captain of Zip Zednik's grunt and groaners. Knowing Lenny as I do, and the devotion he has to this sport, I don't see how he can miss making this year a successful one.**

**Chuck Schlam has climaxed the football season by receiving one of the most treasured awards as a high school gridder. Chuck had the honor of being one of 22 chosen to The Cleveland Press' Greater Cleveland All Scholastic Team. This puts Charlie in a class with such recent Shaker grid greats as Bill German, Roger McArt, and Dennis Goodman. Chuck, who aspires to be a professional football player some day, is well on his way.**

**Congrats also to Mel Resnick for winning $20.00 as a reward for his 673 series in the high school Boys' Bowling League a few weeks ago.**

**The biggest hand of the month goes to the spirited overflow crowds at all the winter sports events thus far this year. In case you haven't noticed, the effects have certainly shown up on the scoreboards.**



**Jerry Fritz, Shaker's 145-pound representative, has his West Tech foe in a near pin position.**

**Junior guard Jack Sander hits for two big points against Lakewood.**

## Burger Leads 1958 Lehigh Gridders

**Charles Burger, a 1955 Shaker Heights High School graduate, was recently named captain of the 1958 Lehigh University football team.**

**At Shaker Chuck won two letters as a 440-yard sprinter on Mr. Rice's track teams, and also distinguished himself in his junior and senior years as a first-string halfback on the football team.**

**This year as Lehigh's starting right halfback, Charlie averaged 4.7 yards per carry and was the third leading ground gainer on the squad.**

# Cagers Aim for Third Vivtory TonightOverWinlessRedmen

By Larry Kahn

The Shaker Heights High basketball squad started off the 1957-58 Lake Erie League campaign with a victory over the Lakewood Rangers followed by a defeat at Cleveland Heights. Lakewood bowed to the Raiders, 50-38, while Heights ran away from Shaker, 83-57.

On Friday, December 6, Lakewood came to the Shaker court for the L. E. L. opener. The game commenced at a steady pace with both teams trading basket for basket-Lakewood controlling the backboards with Shaker hitting on a high percentage of shots. At the quarter the score was 10-8 with Lakewood on top. Progress was even slower in the second quarter, but the Red Raiders moved out in front by halftime, the score reading 17-16.

Shaker retained their lead during the third quarter against a livened Ranger attack, possessing a two-point lead going into the fourth quarter, 31-29. After two minutes of the last period had elapsed Shaker had surged farther ahead, 36-29. From this point the Shaker five never lost momentum, piling up 19 points against nine points for the Rangers—the final tally reading 50-38.

On Friday, December 13, the Raiders visited the Heights home court in an attempt to add to their unbeaten string. The game started out at a lively pace and was fairly even for most of the first quarter, the score being 11-11 with little time remaining. However, due to the sharpshooting of Heights' Dave Katz and Armand Waxman, Heights held a five-point margin at the quarter, 18-13. Katz and Waxman together scored 13 of Heights' 18 points. The Tigers outscroed Shaker in the second quarter 20-9, the halftime score reading 38-22. Katz and Waxman had accounted for 61% of the Tiger total. It was the same situation in the third quarter as Shaker was unable to penetrate effectively the tight Heights defense.

Led by Charlie Schlam the Raiders outscored Heights in the fourth quarter, 22-17, but it meant little as the final tally showed an 83-57 victory for Heights.

**Chuck Schlam canned 27 points for the Raiders, giving them a 19.5 points per game Lake Erie League scoring average. Dick Balazs registered 11 points. Waxman and Katz finished with 20 and 19 points respectively for the Tigers.**

At Heights the JayVees played a real thriller. After leading at the half by a score of 29-19, the Raiders failed to hold their lead. At game's end the score was 52-52—making necessary a three-minute overtime period to decide the winner. Heights scored first but Shaker immediately evened it up. Heights canned another and with one minute remaining Dick Leukart hit on a jump-shot to tie the score. The ball exchanged hands several times without a basket until the last seconds when Dennis Reimer drove in for a lay-up shot and victory for Shaker.

# *Shaw andHeightsTigersBow To Powerful Raider Mermen*

By Dan Jonas

Shaker's mermen started off the season with a splash by trouncing Shaw, 66-20, and Heights, 61-25.

At Shaw, the Raiders had a field day, capturing nine firsts out of a possible ten.

Ernie Grosser placed second in the 40-yard freestyle, Dave Beeson and Pete Slavin finished 1-2 in the 200-yard freestyle, and Bob Markus steamed to a first in the 100-yard butterfly.

**Captain Ralph Waldo won the 100-yard freestyle, with sophomore Steve Davies taking second, and Tom Prior was victorious in his specialty, the 100-yard backstroke. Tom Adler and Bob Waldo finished 1-2, respectively, in the 100-yard orthodox breast stroke. Dave Metz and Laury Osborn duplicated this feat in the 120-yard individual medley, along with divers Jerry Rosenthal and Mike Wolland, as Shaker swept the remainder of the meet. The 160-yard medley relay team of Prior, Markus, Adler and Ralph Waldo won in the time of 1:33.2, and the 160-yard freestyle relay squad of Davies, Grosser, Beeson and John Ferguson won easily with a 1:22.2 clocking.**

For the Heights meet, held in Shaker's home waters, Coach Paul Stark once more juggled the line-up of his well-balanced team to come up with a winning combination. Dave Beeson and Tom Stevens gave the Shaker fans a preview of what was to come when they finished 1-2, respectively, in the 40-yard freestyle. Bob Markus, up against stiff competition, placed second in the butterfly event. Phil Mayher finished first and Tom Prior second in the backstroke, and Mayher turned in a fine 1 05 2 clocking.

Laurie Osborn placed second in the grueling 200-yard freestyle, after which Ralph Waldo streaked to victory in the 100-yard freestyle with the fast time of 55.3. Tom Adler's commendable 1:13 2 timing gave him a first in the orthodox breast stroke, and Phil Mayher was second by a nose in the individual medley.

Once again, it was Jerry Rosenthal, who finished first, and Mike Wolland, a close second, dominating the diving event.

**It was then that the medley relay team of Prior, Ralph Waldo, Adler, and Metz won in the time of 1:30.1, smashing the old school and pool record of 1:30.6.**

The freestyle relay team of Ferguson, Slavin, Beeson, and Grosser added to the Raiders' voluminous point totals by breezing to victory in 1:21.0.

In these two overwhelming triumphs, the Raiders demonstrated the power which they hope will bring them increasing recognition as the season progresses.

The JayVee team, with Steve Davies, Dave Cunningham, Dick Desberg, and Bill Baumoel made mincemeat out of Heights.

## Grapplers Crush W. Techers 28-19

Before an enthusiastic crowd of over 400, the largest in recent years, Coach Zednik's grapplers successfully opened the 1957-58 wrestling season by whipping a rugged West Tech squad 28-19.

Registering the first Raider pin of the current season and the first of five during the afternoon was sophomore Mike Schneiberg, victorious at 103 pounds. Thereafter the lead seesawed through the lower weights with 127-pound Sheldon Jaffe recording the next Shaker win, a 4-3 decision. However junior Chuck Ratner and Jerry Fritz, wrestling at 138 and 145 pounds respectively, produced fast first period pins for the one-two punch which put the Raiders in the lead to stay.

In the heavier weights Pete Ban at 165 pounds tallied a third period pin to end an aggressive bout, and with the meet score still undecided heavyweight junior Al Benson, after a quick takedown, pinned his opponent in the first period, thus climaxing an impressive win, 28-19, over a formidable West Tech crew.

In crushing the West Tech Jayvees 31-17 Shaker's JayVee squad proved equal in their corresponding class, with respect to brawn and brains, to the Varsity.

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